**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): From the report of the Excise Commissioner it is not seen that any steps were taken in regard to that.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Assistant Excise Commissioner passed any proceedings for the conduct of the import of dutiable articles from the Quilon Railway Customs, for the benefit of the Sub-Inspector of Railway Customs?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): No information is available.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will call for the information and enquire into the matter?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): With regard to the answer to part (*j*), may I know whether the Excise Commissioner recommended any reward to any persons for this detection?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): There is no recommendation so far as can be seen from my office file.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): I am not concerned with the member's office file. What is the information of Government in the matter?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): No recommendation has come from the Excise Commissioner.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether any reward was proposed to a British officer who aided in the detection of this crime?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): That information also is not available.

*Prevention of smuggling of dutiables at the Quilon Railway Customs.*

300. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the Excise Sub-Inspectors in charge of the Railway Customs, Quilon, from 1105 to Medam 1107;

(*b*) whether the Railway invoices are sent to the Customs Sub-Inspectors in the case of Railway parcels;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that delivery of parcels is effected only after giving intimation to the Customs Sub-Inspector;

(*d*) whether the Customs Officer is responsible to guard against the smuggling of dutiables from the Quilon railway station;

(*e*) whether the Sub-Inspector is bound to maintain a register of non-dutiables imported at the Customs;

(*f*) whether any such register is maintained at the Quilon Customs;

(*g*) whether there is any entry in any register to show that cloth bundles were being imported as parcels from the Quilon railway station;

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[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

(*h*) whether the Excise Commissioner has enquired and satisfied himself that the smuggling at the Quilon railway station could have been prevented if there was proper vigilance;

(*i*) whether they have instituted any enquiry as to the dereliction of duty, if any, on the part of the officers in charge of the Railway Customs, Quilon, after detection of the smuggling of *beedi* tobacco at Quilon on 25-12-1106;

(*j*) whether the rules laid down by Government regarding the Travancore-Tinnevelly Railway Customs are being strictly adhered to by the Quilon Customs Sub-Inspector; and

(*k*) the number of times contraband cloth parcels of *beedi* tobacco were imported through the Quilon Customs in 1106?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. S. Kulasekharaperumal Pillai up to the 8th Meenam 1105 and Mr. K. M. Matthen from 8th Meenam 1105 till date.

(*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) It was through the vigilance of the officers that smuggling was detected.

(*i*) The answer is in the negative.

(*j*) Yes.

(*k*) Once.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether Rule (3) of the Travancore Customs Rules under Notification regarding Trivandrum-Tinnevelly Railway under the Land Customs Regulation, II of 1091, which says:

> "The way-bills invoices, receipts and station registers of all goods and parcels traffic received at stations and of passengers' luggage shall be open during office hours to the inspection of the Travancore Customs Department for the purpose of enabling them to levy duty, or of any officer of the Travancore Forest Department provided the Forest Officials are in uniform during the time of their inspection in so far as consignments of forest produce are concerned"

is for the guidance of the officer in charge of the Railway Customs?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Excise Sub-Inspector at the Railway Customs House has availed himself of the benefit conferred on him by this rule for the prevention of smuggling of dutiable articles?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) Yes.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether the articles are allowed to be taken away by the Railway authorities without informing the Customs Inspector?

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**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) No. They will be taken to the Customs Office, shown to the Inspector or Sub-Inspector who will be there and then taken out.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know the method by which the Railway Officers come to know that the Sub-Inspector has satisfied himself with regard to the parcels that are sent out?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Besides the Inspector in the Customs House, there will always be a Petty Officer in the Railway Station and he will look to it.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): So, am I to understand that it is only the Sub-inspector who need be satisfied before a parcel coming by train is allowed by the Railway authorities out of the limits of the station?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): It is the officer in charge who has to be satisfied.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is sufficient that he is satisfied?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I think so.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is the opinion of Government?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): It is not the opinion of Government?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I do not say whether it is or it is not the opinion of Government.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether one Mr. A. Thanu Aiyar, Sub-Inspector, has been deputed for the detection of smuggling of *beedi* tobacco.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information about that.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Excise Commissioner has recommended any reward to this Mr. A. Thanu Aiyar, Sub-Inspector?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information about that. I do not know how the question arises out of this question. Mr. Thanu Aiyar's name does not occur either in this question or in the previous question.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): With regard to smuggling, the question arises.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): May I know how the member connects Mr. Thanu Aiyar with smuggling?

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Because I asked whether it was he who detected it.

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**PRESIDENT:** What is your question now?

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): My question is whether, with regard to the detection of smuggling at the Quilon Railway Customs, the name of any person other than Mr. Thanu Aiyar was reported to Government?

**PRESIDENT:** Answer the question, Mr. Kumara Pillai.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): That name does not occur in this question. I have no information about that

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): With regard to part (*i*), I asked whether Government have instituted any enquiry as to the dereliction of duty. The answer was given in the negative. May I know the reason why the Government could not enquire into the matter?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): Government have not found that there was any dereliction of duty.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Am I to understand that Government thought that there was no dereliction of duty?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner did not bring to the notice of Government any dereliction of duty.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) In part (*e*), I asked whether the Sub-Inspector is bound to maintain a register of non-dutiables imported at the Customs. The answer is that he is bound to maintain. I ask whether the Quilon Customs Sub-Inspector maintained such a register before the occurrence of this smuggling, *i. e.*, before 1106.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): From the report of the Excise Commissioner, it is seen that he is maintaining such a register.

**MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Did he maintain such a register before the smuggling was detected?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): The Commissioner was not asked whether he maintained such a book before that date. It is stated that the Sub-Inspector maintains a book.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): My question is whether he is maintaining it *as a matter of fact.*

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): He does.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): My specific question is whether the Sub-Inspector at the Quilon Railway Customs maintains such a book.

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): From the answer it will be seen that he maintains such a book.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Did he maintain it before 1106?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will enquire into it?

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**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : If necessary, Government will enquire.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government consider it necessary to ask the Excise Commissioner whether the Sub-Inspector maintained a register before 1106 ?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : Government will ask the Excise Commissioner whether the Sub Inspector maintains a book or not and if he does not maintain, he will be asked to maintain one.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : My question is whether before 1106, before the smuggling was found out, he maintained a book ?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : The Excise Commissioner will be asked to enquire into that.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : In answer to part (*a*), it is stated that two officers, Messrs. S. Kulasekharaperumal Pillai and K. M. Matthen were in charge of the Customs at the time the fall occurred. My question is, in whose period the fall occurred ?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*) : During Mr. K. M. Matthen's period.

*Grant of lands to the Kanan Devan Hills Produce Co., Ltd.*

301. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total area of land granted to the Kanan Devan Hills Produce Company, Limited ;

(*b*) the number of acres brought under cultivation ;

(*c*) the number of acres still (18-11-1107) lying idle ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Kanan Devan Hills Produce Company has applied to the Government for extensive pieces of land in Mannavanshola and Pambadumshola and the Pallivasal lands adjoining their estates in the north and south ;

(*e*) if so, the extent of land applied for ;

(*f*) the nature of the recommendations of—

(i) the Devicolam Commissioner ; and

(ii) the Land Revenue Commissioner ; and

(*g*) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

**MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The total area of the grant (Kanan Devan Hills Concession) is 1,36,972·73 acres besides 187·80 acres in Pallivasal and Anakulam.

(*b*) An area of 44,985·17 acres has been occupied by the company for cultivation, grazing, etc.

(*c*) An area of 92,175·36 acres is left unoccupied up to 18-11-1107.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) For 2,500 acres in the Pambadumshola and Mannavanshola together and for about 5,000 to 6,000 acres in Pallivasal.

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